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TOPIC Soviet Air Force Units in Wittenberg.

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REMARKS

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1. Between 6 January and 9 June 1953, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by 400 to 500 Soviet Air Force soldiers and about 100 motor vehicles including 40 trucks without superstructures all of which were parked in the open. <sup>1</sup>

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2. In mid-January, four AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement west of the barracks installation on the bank of the Elbe River. <sup>1</sup>  
the guns were shifted to a site 400 to 500 meters west of the bridge along the Elbe River. Behind each gun was a 3 axle truck which had been dug-in.

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4. <sup>1</sup> the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 400 to 500 men. Usually, there was intensive military activity. <sup>1</sup>  
An estimated 120 officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and the same number of personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the restricted area of the air force headquarters. <sup>2</sup>

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5. The AA gun emplacement with 4 x 76-mm guns located on the southern bank of the Elbe River was temporarily transferred because of high water. The operative personnel were quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne.

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6. <sup>1</sup> the landing field was again used more frequently. High-wing monoplanes and biplanes were temporarily parked there.

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8. Between January and May, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by about 400 Soviets of various grades, including 100 soldiers with closely cropped hair. <sup>1</sup> 25X1

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10. Practicing with four AA guns was repeatedly observed in the AA gun emplacement which had been temporarily inundated in early 1953. Four trucks were parked near the guns.

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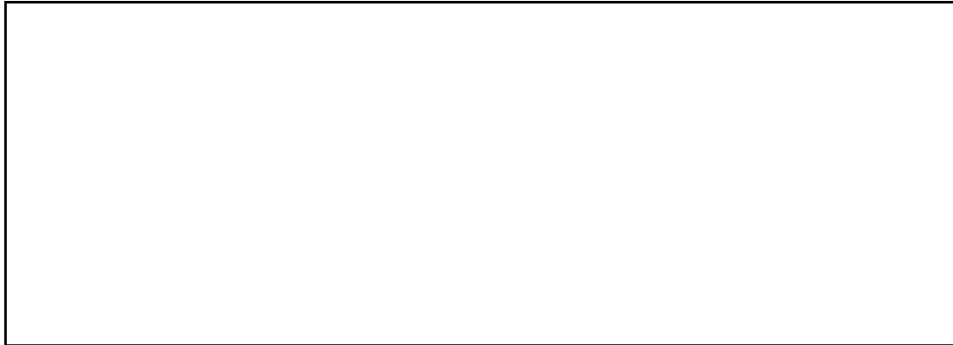
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12. Between January and late May, the personnel strength of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne fluctuated between 350 and 600 men including about 120 recruits. Source repeatedly observed that drilling and instruction was held in the barracks yard. Once, six platoons of 300 soldiers were seen. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. <sup>1</sup>

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14. In February and March, an estimated 400 to 500 men were quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. <sup>1</sup> Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets guarded the installation. Four AA guns were emplaced on the western bank of the Elbe River. The operative personnel were observed being engaged in aiming exercises.

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Sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. 25X1

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16. The vacant northern wing of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets in April. The total occupation strength was estimated at 400 to 450 men. <sup>1</sup> About 20 trucks [redacted] guarded by sentries were parked in the barracks installation. No change of occupation was observed up to 15 June. Almost all windows were lighted after nightfall.

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1. Comment. According to available information, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg is occupied by supply and signal units of the headquarters of the Southern Ftr Corps. The occupation of 400 to 600 men, which is reported in the present report, is believed to agree favorably with the actual personnel strength.

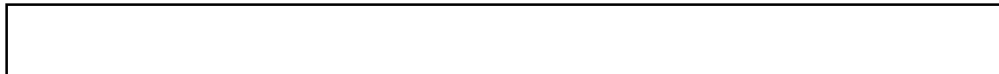
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2. Comment. The headquarters of the Southern Ftr Corps is quartered in the restricted area of Wittenberg which is bordered by Ernst Thaelmann Strasse, Thomas Strasse, Muenzer Strasse, Schiller Strasse and Roosevelt Strasse.

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